

# GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **A. WELCOME BACK!! To those receiving the Digest for the first time, we want to extend a special welcome.**

This is the first issue of the Guidance Digest for the 2006-07 school year. Current plans are to send out an issue of the Digest every two weeks during the school year with adjustments being made as necessary. In addition, during the year “Special Transmissions” will be sent out when information comes to us that cannot wait to be sent out in the next issue of the Digest. Please remember to forward this to all of those individuals that you feel can use the information contained herein or you feel need to be informed about the many varied areas that counselors deal with in the course of a school year.

### **B. REGIONAL WORKSHOPS PLANNED!!!**

As a part of our continuing effort to provide technical assistance to school districts, we are pleased to announce that the staff of the Guidance and Placement Services Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be conducting seven (7) Regional Workshops this fall under the theme “**Enhancing Your Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program**”.

These Regional Workshops are training sessions designed to familiarize professional school counselors with the new comprehensive guidance curriculum, the new emphasis on program implementation and evaluation and the trend toward use of career clusters in individual planning.

The workshops will cost \$65 per person, will be two days in length and will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. The workshop information will be sent separately as a “Special Transmission” and, on Monday, August 7, 2006, the same information on dates, sites, and registration forms will be available at: [http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/guidance\\_placement\\_index.htm](http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/guidance_placement_index.htm)

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

**(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)**

### **{CURRICULUM}**

#### **A. New Curriculum being presented.**

Information on the new comprehensive guidance program curriculum will be an integral part of the Fall Regional Workshops talked about in the announcements above. Plan now on attending.

#### **B. GLE’S Available**

The new Grade Level Expectations (GLE’S) for the Revised Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program Standards are now available on the web at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/GLE.html>

#### **C. DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Planning for Life deadline is being extended until September 15th. If you would like a copy of the application, contact Sherie Wymore at any of the following numbers/addresses: Clearwater Middle School, Route 4, Box 1004, Piedmont, MO 63957

Phone: (573) 223-7184—Home; (573) 223-4877—Work. Email: [sherwym@semo.net](mailto:sherwym@semo.net) --

### **{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}**

#### **A. Help in planning for College Visits-(From MDHE)**

To help students planning on making college visits this year, an article is available that shows how to keep down the cost of visits and details 20 questions to ask about financial matters and campus life. To access the article, go to <http://www.kiplinger.com/personalfinance/money/college/index.html>

#### **B. Another resource to help students in the college planning process. (Seen at ASCA convention)**

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Prep Headquarters is a secure Internet program that helps high school counselors manage the college planning process. With PrepHQ, counselors can communicate with students and parents, track student progress and activities, and report school-specific data to administrators. To visit the site, go to <https://www.prephq.com/>

## **C. Wondering about Embedded Credit?**

A resource guide for Career Center directors, comprehensive high school administrators and teachers considering implementation of embedded credit courses has been developed and is now available for you online at [www.mcce.org](http://www.mcce.org).

## **{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}**

### **A. Other costs of underage drinking**

A recent study shows societal costs of underage drinking has huge costs attached. To see an abstract on the study, go to <http://www.pire.org/topiclist2.asp?cms=50> For further information related to Missouri and underage drinking, go to <http://www.iaaonline.org/profiles.php>

### **B. Do you have students who have family members deployed?**

Here is a source of information to share with parents/guardians dealing with issues that might arise:

[http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/itc/MHF/MHF\\_DETAIL\\_1?section\\_id=20.40.500.470.0.0.0.0&current\\_id=20.40.500.470.500.20.30.0.0](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/itc/MHF/MHF_DETAIL_1?section_id=20.40.500.470.0.0.0.0&current_id=20.40.500.470.500.20.30.0.0)

## **{SYSTEM SUPPORT}**

### **A. Important Professional Links for professional school counselors**

While it is not mandated that school counselors join professional organizations, one of the best ways to get appropriate professional development content geared to counselors is to participate in opportunities offered by reputable organizations. Two to consider are the Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) which can be accessed at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/> and the American School Counselor Association which can be accessed at <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

### **B. Teaching and modeling skills for workplace success.**

Here is a resource to share with your school colleagues concerning helping prepare students for the future:

<http://www.learningconnections.org/crow/assets/docs/15questions.doc>

## **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:**

### **A. MSCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2006 AT THE BEST WESTERN CAPITAL INN,**

**JEFFERSON CITY** To see a brochure about this conference, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/LDC%20Brochure.pdf>

### **B. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER SERVICES (MACS-FORMERLY MISSOURI PLACEMENT**

**ASSOCIATION) FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2006 AT THE NEW COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT IN**

**COLUMBIA, MO.** TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION GO TO [HTTP://WWW.MO-ACTE.ORG/](http://www.mo-acte.org/) OR TO DOWNLOAD A COPY OF

THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CONFERENCE, GO TO [HTTP://MACS.MO-](http://macs.mo-acte.org/documents/MACS06FallRegistrationForm.pdf)

[ACTE.ORG/DOCUMENTS/MACS06FallRegistrationForm.pdf](http://macs.mo-acte.org/documents/MACS06FallRegistrationForm.pdf)

### **C. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE AT TAN TAR A NOV 5-7, 2006**

WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON NOV 4. For a conference preview go to

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConfPrev%200728.pdf> . To download a registration form, go to:

<http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2006%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

**D. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE, NOV 12-14, 2006 AT TAN TAR A.** For information and an on-line registration form go to:

### **E. 2006 ACTE Convention and Career Tech Expo, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2006 at Georgia World Congress Center,**

**Atlanta, Georgia.** For information and registration information, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/index.cfm>

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